

Remarks

The Office Action of June 29, 2006 states:

Priority

2. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Germany on 7/12/02. It is noted, however, that the Office does not appear to have a certified copy of the 102 31 896.4 application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

Applicant alleges that a German priority document was mailed to the Office on 8/5/03. Applicant also alleges that they have a receipt postcard stamped 8/11/03. The examiner respectfully asks applicant to submit a copy of the receipt postcard stamped 8/11/03, along with a copy of that German priority document, to fulfill the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

The undersigned attorney is submitting a copy of the receipt postcard stamped 8/11/03, along with a copy of that German priority document 102 31 896.4, to fulfill the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

Entry of the present response and reconsideration of all outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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The date stamp of the Patent Office hereon may be considered as the date on which papers indicated below were received

- <X> German Priority Document (20 pages)
- <X> PCT Application dated July 21, 2003
- <X> Transmittal Letter

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